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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BOARDING TIME - SURGE STUDY (ITEM NO. 96, AGENDA OF MAY 6, 2008)

On April 22, 2008, your Board instructed the Director of Health Services to work with the Chief Executive Office and Facilities Development Incorporated (FDI) to conduct a study and present findings on May 6, 2008, regarding: 1) how a patient surge of 5 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent, and 20 percent could affect the Emergency Department Boarding Time (EDBT) of the LAC+USC Replacement Facility when the hospital operates at 80 percent, 85 percent, 90 percent, and 95 percent occupancy; and 2) provide an assessment on the regional impact of such surge. As noted on the May 6, 2008 meeting agenda, we have requested a continuance of this report to June 4, 2008.

This is to advise your Board that we contacted FDI and they indicate that it will take approximately two to three weeks to conduct the study regarding the impact at LAC+USC, and approximately three to four months to complete the regional analysis which will evaluate the impact on EDBT at the other County hospitals with emergency departments. The evaluation for LAC+USC is underway and the report is scheduled for review with the Health Deputies on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, and a presentation to your Board on June 4, 2008. We will provide a more refined timeline as to the regional impact report at that time.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Loreto Maldonado of this office at (213) 974-1395 or at lmaldonado@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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